

Waldwick Public Library

Staff

Picks

Spring/Summer 2020

In the Presence of Nature: The Celery Farm

By Jim Wright & Jerry Barrack Barbara's Pick

This book presents a collection of photographs showcasing the plants and animals found at the Celery Farm Natural Area located in neighboring Allendale.

Princess: Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabi

By Jean Sasson Mary Pat's Pick

This is the true story of a Saudi Arabian Princess, who in reality has no freedom or control over her own life. Hidden behind her black floor-length veil, she is a prisoner, jailed by her father, her husband and her sons.

Ayesha At Last

By Uzma Jalaluddin Lori's Pick

Ayesha lives with her boisterous Muslim family and has set aside her dream of becoming a poet for a teaching job. Though Ayesha is lonely, she doesn't want an arranged marriage. Then she meets Khalid, who is just as smart and handsome as he is conservative and judgmental.

The Nowhere Child

By Christian White Dot's Pick

Kimberly learns she was kidnapped just after her second birthday. She cannot believe the woman who raised her, a loving social worker who died four years ago, crossed international lines to steal a toddler. Now, with proof Kim travels to solve the mystery of her abduction.

Scars Like Wings

By Erin Stewart Mary's Pick

Ava doesn't need a mirror to know what she looks like-- she can see her reflection in the eyes of everyone around her. A year after the fire destroyed her world, her aunt and uncle have decided she should go back to school. Be "normal" again. But what is normal now?

Stepsister

By Jennifer Donnelly Jenn's Pick

Isabelle isn't the beautiful girl who lost the glass slipper and captured the prince's heart. She's the ugly stepsister who cut off her toes to fit into Cinderella's shoe...which is now filling with blood.

Catch and Kill

By Ronan Farrow Loretta's Pick

As Farrow drew closer to the truth about Harvey Weinstein, shadowy operatives mounted a secret campaign of intimidation. Farrow faced a degree of resistance he could not explain until now. And a trail of clues revealed corruption and cover-ups from Hollywood to Washington and beyond.

The Sun Down Motel

By Simone St. James Dot's Pick

Carly has never let go of the story of Aunt Viv, night clerk at the Sun Down Motel who mysteriously disappeared before she was born. She decides to visit the motel, and finds herself ensnared in the same mysteries that claimed Viv.

The Wife

By Alafair Burke Kristen's Pick

Angela met Jason in East Hampton, and they married the following summer. Six years later, Jason has become a cultural lightning rod. When a college intern makes an accusation against him, Angela is forced to take a closer look—at both the man she married and the woman she chose not to believe.

Things You Save In a Fire

By Katherine Center Annette's Pick

Cassie joins an old-school Boston firehouse where hazing, a lack of funding, and poor facilities mix with firemen who aren't thrilled to have a "lady" on the crew - except for the infatuation-inspiring rookie, who doesn't seem to mind having Cassie around. But she can't think about that. Because love is girly, and it's not her thing.

Authenticity Project

By Clare Pooley Susan's Pick

Julian, a lonely artist, writes in a journal, the truth about his life and leaves it in a local café, run by Monica, who adds her own entry and leaves the book in a wine bar. Before long, others add truths about their own deepest selves--and soon find each other at Monica's Café.

True Colors

By Kristin Hannah Pat Gs Pick

After their mother's death, the Grey sisters band together while their stern father cares less about his children than about his reputation. Soon, the sisters are pitted against one another, loyalties tested, secrets revealed, and a shocking crime shatters both their family and their beloved town.

Carnegie's Maid

By Marie Benedict

Pat R's Pick

Clara Kelley is not who they think she is-the experienced maid hired to work in the Carnegie household. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for.

The Cracked Spine: A Scottish Bookshop Mystery

By Paige Shelton

Lori's Pick

Delaney Nichols moved from the US to Edinburgh to start a job at The Cracked Spine bookshop. Her new boss has given her the opportunity of a lifetime, albeit a cryptic one and before she can settle into her new life, there's a murder and a precious artifact goes missing.

The Bromance Bookclub

By Lyssa Kay Adams

Alison's Pick

Nashville Legends second baseman Gavin Scott's wife asks for a divorce. Distraught, Gavin seeks help from an unlikely source: a secret romance book club made up of Nashville's alpha men. With the help of their current read, the guys coach Gavin on saving his marriage.

Labor Day

By Joyce Maynard

Mary Pat's Pick

Henry, lonely and friendless but for his divorced mother, spends his time watching tv and daydreaming. When a mysterious bleeding man named Frank approaches Henry for a help, Henry learns some of life's most valuable lessons.

Nine Perfect Strangers

By Liane Moriarty

Barbara's Pick

Nine people gather at a remote health resort never imagining how challenging the next 10 days are going to be. But the person who intrigues them the most is the strange and charismatic owner of Tranquillum House.

The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Nighttime

By Mark Haddon

Mary's Pick

Christopher has Asperger's. One night, he observes the neighbor's dog has been killed. He knows this is wrong and he has never left his street on his own before, but now he'll have to in order to find out who killed the dog.

The Hive

By Barry Lyga

Jenn's Pick

Social media used to be out of control until the Hive came. Cause trouble and a crowd can come after you to teach you a lesson. Egged on by friends, Cassie makes an edgy joke online. She doubts anyone will notice. But the Hive notices and as her viral comment whips a country into a frenzy, the Hive demands retribution.

The Wife and the Widow

By Christian White

Susan's Pick

Kate, learns about her dead husband's secret life and Abby, whose world is turned upside when she's forced to confront the evidence of her husband's guilt come together to discover the whole story about the men in their lives on an eerie, desolate island.

Dreamland

By Nancy Bilyeau

Kristen's Pick

In 1911, heiress Peggy Batternberg is invited to spend the summer in Coney Island but she would much rather spend the her time working at the Moonrise bookshop. Soon it transpires that the hedonism of Coney Island affords Peggy the freedom she has been yearning for.

The Giver of Stars

By Jojo Moyes

Pat G's Pick

Alice marries American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But Kentucky proves equally claustrophobic. So, when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on.

The Hot Zone

By Richard Preston

Loretta's Pick

The true story of a secret military SWAT team of soldiers and scientists is mobilized to stop the outbreak of a highly infectious, incurable "hot" virus.

Regretting You

By Colleen Hoover

Pat R's Pick

With warring personalities and conflicting goals, Morgan and her daughter Clara find it increasingly difficult to coexist. The only person who can bring peace to the household is Chris - Morgan's husband, Clara's father, and the family anchor.

The Playground

By Jane Shemilt

Alison's Pick

Over the course of a long, hot summer in London, the lives of three very different married couples collide when their children join the same tutoring circle, resulting in illicit relationships and shocking violence.

Old Bones

By Preston & Child

Annette's Pick

Nora Kelly, a curator at the Santa Fe Institute of Archaeology, is approached by Clive Benton with a proposal to lead a team in search of the "Lost Camp" of the Donner Party. Benton tells Kelly he has stumbled upon an amazing find: the long-sought diary of one of the victims, which has an enigmatic description of the Lost Camp.